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WOMEN'S SHELTER INFORMATION SYSTEM

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STATISTICAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

This is the fourth statistical report produced from the Women's Shelter Information System (WSIS) introduced January 1,1992. The system contains residential and non-residential data for Women's Shelters, Rural Family Violence Prevention Centres and Second Stage Housing programs.

What is WSIS?

The Women's Shelter Information System (WSIS) is an automated information system operated by Alberta Family and Social Services. This system allows the department to collect extensive information, on an ongoing basis, from women residing in Alberta's women's shelters. It is the only system of its kind in Canada.

Why was it developed?

The system was designed to standardize data collection among shelters so information could be more easily compared and interpreted. It allows the department to build on its existing knowledge about the nature and scope of family violence in Alberta and its effects on individual family members. With this information, government, shelters and the community can better identify service needs and provide direction for future policy, program development and research. Implementation of this new system also allows the department to improve its monitoring and evaluation of the Women's Shelter Program.

Who participates?

All Women's Shelters, Rural Family Violence Prevention Centres and Second Stage Housing agencies that receive funding from Alberta Family and Social Services are contractually required to participate in the collection of information for the WSIS. The Big Stone Cree Nation Women's Emergency Shelter, Sucker Creek Women's Emergency Shelter and WINGS Second Stage Housing also contribute information to the data base although they are not funded by Alberta Family and Social Services.

A total of nineteen shelters, six rural family violence prevention centres and two second stage housing programs participate in the Women's Shelter Information System.

What kind of information is collected?

Three forms are used to collect information:

Contact Non-Residential Information

This form is completed for each contact made to a shelter. Contacts are made primarily by telephone. It includes questions about the method of contact, the gender and age of the person making contact, the length, reason for and outcome of the contact. Information about client demographics, the location of the shelter, the nature of the services requested and provided and referrals made are also recorded.

Admitted and Non-Admitted Children's Information

This form is completed as part of the intake procedure when a woman with children is admitted to a shelter. It includes questions about children in the family including demographic data, child welfare status, the presence or absence of abuse towards children, current living arrangements and the nature of support service referrals made by the women's shelter.

Residential Information

This form is completed as part of the intake procedure when a woman is admitted to a shelter. This form asks questions about client demographics, the location of the shelter, the types of services requested and provided and the referrals made. It also includes questions about the nature of the abuse and by whom the abuse was inflicted.

Women are also asked to describe the type of intervention and assistance they received from other agencies such as the police and child welfare services.

Information gathered from the above three forms allows the department to maintain accurate and comprehensive information about battered women and their children who access shelters in Alberta. The statistics gathered from this system have been used across Canada to assist in addressing issues around family violence.

What about confidentiality and security?

The system was designed to protect the identity of clients. Anonymity is assured through the use of a unique identifier. The client's name is not recorded. The identifier cannot be linked to any other information the government has about the client.

Clients have the right to refuse to answer any question. Each woman is informed that not providing information will not prejudice the services she or her family receives at the shelter.

The data base is protected by several security mechanisms, including a password to enter the system. Physical access is also restricted by security. Only the Administrator and Program Manager of the Women's Shelter Program have access to the locked offices which house the system.

What happens to the information?

Information from the system is compiled and distributed on an annual basis. It is provided in the form of aggregate numbers, percentages and graphs.

Data on each shelter is sent to the respective shelter and appropriate regional consultant of Family and Social Services.

The only public report is the Annual Provincial Summary Report which is sent to the Minister of Family and Social Services, the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS) and individual shelters in Alberta.

Ad hoc reports may be prepared to address special requests from the ACWS, individual shelters or department of Family and Social Services staff on a discretionary basis. Shelter specific data is seen only by the individual shelter, Regional Family Violence specialist, District Office Manager and the Program Manager. The department is obliged not to release agency-identifying information outside the department, except for Federal/Provincial cost-sharing purposes.

Data Presentation

Data in this annual statistical report is divided into three sections:

- Residential
- Admitted and Non Admitted Children's Information
- Non-Residential

and is presented in graphs and tables.

Some comments are included as is a comparative analysis between the current year's information and the first years of data collection using the revised system.

In the following summary pages, percentages less than .5 have been rounded down, and percentages equal to or greater than .5 have been rounded up to the next whole number.

SUMMARY OF RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

From January 1 to December 31,1995 there were 5437 women and 6426 children admitted to Women's Shelters, Rural Family Violence Centres and Second Stage Housing programs in Alberta.

It is important to note that these are the number of admissions and not the number of "unique" women and children served in the year, as some clients return for safe accommodation more than once.

AGE

The average age of admitted women was thirty-one years, with seventy-five percent of admitted women being between the ages of twenty and thirty-nine. Seventy-nine percent of admitted women identified themselves as battered or victims of sexual assault.

MARITAL STATUS

Twenty-six percent of admitted women were married and a further thirty-nine percent lived in a common-law/live-in relationship. Nine percent reported being separated or living apart from their partner. Single women accounted for twenty one percent of all admissions in 1995.

PERPETRATOR

Women may report being abused by more than one person. Thirty percent of admitted women reported abuse by their husband or ex-husband, and a further forty-seven percent reported abuse by their common-law or ex common-law partner. Fifteen percent of women reported abuse by another family member (son, daughter, mother, father, in-laws).

TYPE OF ABUSE

Women may report more than one type of abuse. Sixty-eight percent of women reported being physically abused, eighty-seven percent psychologically abused, twenty-nine percent reported abuse or threats of abuse to children, forty percent reported destruction of property or pets, twenty-five percent reported sexual abuse and fifty-one percent of women reported financial abuse.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Women may access more than one service when in shelter. The services most frequently provided to women and children were: referral (100%), information (96%), emotional support (94%), donations of furniture, clothing, household items (81%) and transportation (52%). Note that each woman may referred to a number of community resources.

DEPARTURE STATUS

Twenty percent of women leaving shelters, rural centres and second stage housing said they were going to live on their own, eleven percent returned home without their spouse, and seven percent of women moved into either another shelter in a different location or a second stage housing project. Twenty-two percent went to live with friends or relatives and fifteen percent returned to their spouse.

SUMMARY OF NON-RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Shelters, Rural Family Violence Prevention Centres and Second Stage Housing programs provide non-residential services such as crisis intervention, referral and information to women, men, children, teens and elder Albertans.

Statistics on these services are collected by all of the programs on all contacts made by telephone or in person. Follow up contacts made by shelters workers to the community and to former clients are also recorded.

METHOD OF CONTACT

The total non-residential contacts for all shelters, rural centres and second stage houses was 59,912, an increase of 7,935 over the 51,977 recorded in 1994. Seventy-two percent of these contacts were made by persons telephoning shelter programs and twenty-one percent were in person contacts. Five percent were telephone and in person contacts made by shelter workers to the community or to former clients.

There are a number of factors that may contribute to the increase in total non-residential contacts. Public education and awareness of family violence issues is increasing across the province. Shelters have become a well known source of information and referral, both for citizens and professionals who work with clients presenting family violence issues. In some communities, shelters share facilities and crisis services with other service providers, and in a growing number of shelters outreach and follow-up programs are being implemented to offer potential or former clients additional family violence service options.

SOURCE OF CONTACT

Ninety-two percent of contacts were made by females, eight percent were made by males. Two percent of the contacts were from children eleven years, two percent were from teens twelve to seventeen, ninety-two percent were from adults eighteen to sixty-four , one percent were from persons sixty-five plus. In the remainder of contacts, the age was unknown.

PURPOSE OF CONTACT

Callers may present more than one reason for contact. Fifty-three percent identified themselves as abused. Sixty-nine percent requested emotional support, seventy-nine percent requested information and fifty-three percent requested a referral to another service. Twenty-seven percent of contacts were made by a third party.

RESULT OF CONTACT

Twenty-eight percent of non-residential contacts were in need of accommodation. Of those in need of accommodation, 9.9 percent were admitted into the program they contacted, 2.5 percent were admitted to another shelter program, 11.7 percent were not accommodated because the shelter facility was full, 3.7 percent of clients were referred to Alberta Family and Social Services for assistance with accommodation. 6.3 percent of contacts were not appropriate for admission to the women's shelter program.

There are a number of factors that contribute to the increased number of women seeking accommodation at shelters in Alberta. The first Alberta shelter opened in Calgary in the early 1970s. Since that time shelters have become well established in many communities, and public awareness of the services provided has increased. Citizens and professionals have come to recognize shelters as valuable sources of support and referral as well as safe houses for those who are abused.

Public awareness of the dynamics of Family Violence has also been heightened through the efforts of community education programs. This has been especially true in the area of effects on children who witness violence in their families, and also on the essential role that support services play in assisting families to break the cycle of violence.

Media coverage of incidents of family violence has also made the community sensitive to the severity of abuse and the tragic outcomes for victims and their families.

In an effort to assist communities to understand more specifically the use of shelter services, this report will identify by region, women unable to be accommodated in existing shelter programs.

SUMMARY OF ADMITTED AND NON-ADMITTED CHILDREN'S INFORMATION

AGE

The total number of children admitted was 6,426 and the average age of children admitted was six years, although thirty-nine percent of children were between the ages of one to four. Ninety-seven percent of children were admitted with their mothers, three percent were admitted after their mothers. 3601 children were not admitted during their mother's stay at shelters, rural centres, and second stage programs. Of the non-admitted dependent children, sixty-two percent were residing with extended family members, friends, in residential placement or treatment centres. Two percent were living independently or at home unsupervised, and twenty-five percent were at home in the partner's care.

CHILD ABUSE

More than one type of child abuse may be reported. Of the admitted children, mothers reported sixty-three percent were psychologically abused, eighteen percent were physically abused, four percent were sexually abused, and twelve percent suffered neglect.

CHILD WELFARE STATUS

Fourteen percent of admitted children were identified by their mothers as under Child Welfare Investigation, or having Child Welfare status. Eleven percent of admitted children were referred to Child Welfare and fourteen percent of admitted children were referred to community support, assessment and counselling programs.

1995 SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The following is a breakdown by question of the data which is presented in table and graph format in the body of this document.

This analysis is divided into two sections; Residential and Admitted and Non-Admitted Children's Information. The data presented is from January 1 - December 31,1995.

As was indicated earlier, clients have the right to refuse to answer any question. On the residential forms, the only mandatory information is the shelter code, admission date, discharge date and age of admitted woman.

Except where noted, the following information includes shelters, rural family violence prevention centres and second stage housing.

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Question 3: Age of Admitted women

75.4% of women admitted were between the ages of 20 and 39. Admissions of women in the 40-54 year age group accounted for 15% of total admissions in 1995. Admissions of women 16-19 years of age represented 6.9% of total admissions in 1995.

The average age of admitted women has increased to 31 from 30 in previous years, and the percentage of women aged 40-54 increased from 10% in 1992 to 15% in 1995.

Question 4: Type of Admission

Women with or without children and victims of sexual assault who identified themselves as battered during the intake process made up 78.7% of admissions. "Other" women, (those who did not identify battering as their reason for coming to shelter) increased to 20.7% of total admissions. Note that urban and rural shelter reports indicate fluctuations in the ratio of battered to non-battered women admitted. This variation is due in part to availability of services for women without children.

Total shelter admissions increased by 230 from 1994. Factors contributing to this increase include increased public education and awareness throughout Alberta communities, increased use of shelters as a referral by other professionals involved with battered women and their children, improved access to rural shelters through the development of transportation networks, and better communication between shelters regarding availability of shelter space.

Question 5: Marital Status

64.7% of women admitted to shelters stated they were co-habiting prior to shelter admission. Of these women, 25.6% were married and 39.1% were common-law or live in. Women who were not co-habiting in relationships when admitted to shelter comprised 33.9% of total admissions. Of these women, 20.6% were single, 8.9%, separated, 3.7% divorced and .7% widowed.

Question 6: Referral source

56% of women admitted to shelter referred themselves. In 1992, the number of self-referrals to shelter was 18%, 1993 was 38% and 1994 was 54%. 14% were referred by friends or relatives, 10% by police, 9% by another shelter and 7% by Family and Social Services.

Since 1992, self-referrals to shelters have increased from 18% to 56%.

Question 7a: Where does the woman live

59% of women indicated they lived in a city, while 19% lived in a town or village, 17% lived on a reserve or settlement, and 4% lived in a rural area prior to admission to shelter.

Question 7b: Woman's home region

At the time of shelter admission, women identified their home region as: 19% Edmonton region, Calgary region 17.9%, Northwest region 17.4%, Northeast region 15.1%, Central region 10.7%, and South region 8.9%. 10% of women stated their home region as Saskatchewan, B.C. or other.

Question 8: Transportation to shelter

38.6% transported themselves to shelter. on their own. 25% of women were transported by the shelter, and 8% were transported by the police or RCMP. 27.8% of women used other transportation to come to shelter. Other may include friends or family, other service provider, or transportation in suburban and rural areas may be provided by a transportation network staffed by community volunteers.

Question 9: Type of abuse reported by woman

This question asks about the occurrence of types of abuse, but does not record information about the frequency or severity of the abuse. Women may report more than one type of abuse. 1995 data indicates the type of abuse most reported was psychological (86.9%), followed by physical abuse at 68%. Destruction of property or pets was reported in 40.1% of incidents. 29.3% of incidents concerned abuse or threats of abuse to children, and 25% of incidents reported were sexual abuse.
In 1994, the category of financial abuse was added, and 1995 information indicates women reported financial abuse at 50.8%.

Question: 10 Woman Abused by

Women may identify more than one abuser, however they are asked to respond to this question based on the battering incident which preceded their admission to shelter. Women reported abuse perpetrated by husband, live in/common-law partner or boyfriend in 60% of admissions. Abuse by estranged or separated husband, common-law/live-in or boyfriend accounted for 14% of incidents and abuse by other family members (in-laws, father, mother, son, daughter or other relative) accounted for 19% of incidents.

Question 11: Type of Police Intervention

Please note that more than one type of police intervention can occur in each battering incident. This question asks the type of police intervention requested within the six months prior to admission. Women reported 847 incidents of police informing women of assistance available, 647 incidents of police assisting women to leave their homes, 451 incidents of police either transporting or arranging transportation to a shelter, In 511 incidents, police advised women to lay charges, and in 405 cases women were asked if they wanted to lay charges. In 484 cases assault charges were laid, and in 457 cases, the batterer was arrested by police.

Note that some of the information asked in this question may not be available to the woman at the time of the intake procedure in the shelter, as police interventions may be ongoing throughout her stay. Department of Justice statistics on the reporting of family violence incidents reflect accurate information in this area.

It is also important to be aware that police intervention may be in the form of assistance through the R.C.M.P. in rural or suburban areas, and through City Police Services in larger urban areas. Existing victim services units and specialized spousal violence initiatives may impact the range of interventions available to police officers.

Question 12: Services provided to women

Women may access more than one service while in shelter. Note that not all listed services are available in all shelters. The services most frequently provided to women and children were: referral (100%), information (95.7%), emotional support (94%), donations of furniture, clothing, household items (80.6%) and transportation (52.2%).

The services which were most frequently requested but not available to women were Life Skills Training, In house teacher (for children), Children's groups, Nursing services, and Women's groups.

Question 13: Women referred to

For the 5,437 women admitted to shelters in 1995, 17,177 referrals were made. Of the total number of referrals, service referrals most frequently made were: individual and group counselling for women 16.9%, Social Allowance 10.7%, medical services 8.2%, legal services 7% and low income housing 6.8%.

In addition, a total of 855 referrals were made to other Women's Shelters and Second Stage Housing Programs.

Question 17: Number of bed nights spent at the shelter

The average length of stay in shelters for women and women with children was 11 bed nights. A bed night occurs when one bed is occupied for one night. Note that the length of stay varies from 7 days in Rural Family Violence Centres, to 21 days in Shelters and 6 months in Second Stage Housing Programs. There is some flexibility in the maximum length of stay in each facility based on the individual circumstances of the client and the approval of the facility director.

Question 18: Departure status

Note that data for all three types of shelter facility is included in this departure status information, and that the length of stay criteria established by each facility may affect the options available to women at the time of their scheduled departure from shelter. Some of the other factors that may impact the departure status of women are: level of risk for further violence or abuse of the woman and her children, availability of counselling/treatment options for women and their abusive partners, specialized needs of children or other family members, availability of housing and financial support, and existing service and family support networks in the community.

22% of women leaving shelters chose to live with friends or relatives, 19.7% went to live independently, 10.9% returned to their previous home without their spouse, and 6.9% moved to another shelter or second stage program either in Alberta or out of the province. 14.6% returned to their spouses.

ADMITTED AND NON ADMITTED CHILDREN'S INFORMATION

Children's Summary

Of the 10,027 children identified as dependent by the admitted women, 6,252 (62.3%) were admitted with the women, 174 (1.7%) were admitted after the women, and 3,601 (35.9%) were not admitted to the shelter.

Question 4: Age of Admitted Children

The average age of the 6,426 children admitted with women in 1995 was 6 years. 11.1% were aged 1 month to 11 months, 38.7% were aged 1 - 4 years, 29.7% were 5 - 9 years, and 19.9% were 10 - 17 years of age.

Question 5: Child's school status

46.2% of admitted children were day care or not of school age (pre-school). 46.4% of admitted children were in either kindergarten, special education classes or regular public/separate school.

Question 6: Child Welfare status

At the time of admission, based on information submitted by mothers of admitted dependent children, 76.6% of children had no Child Welfare Status, 11.6% were reported as having Child Welfare Status and 2.4% had Child Welfare Investigations in progress.

Of dependent children not admitted to shelter, mothers reported 53% as having no Child Welfare status, 27% with Child Welfare status, and 1% under Child Welfare investigation.

Question 7: Legal status of admitted children

The majority of children admitted with women (98%), were the women's by birth, adoption or legal custody agreement.

Question 8: Child's current placement

Of the total 10,027 dependent children, 3,601 were not admitted to the shelter during their mother's stay. 40.3% of these non-admitted children were staying with extended family members, 2.8% were staying with friends, 18.9% were in residential placement (foster/receiving/group homes) or residential treatment centres, 1.5% were living independently, .6% were at home unsupervised and 25.2% were at home in partner's care.

Question 9: Is the child receiving non-residential services

Of the 6,426 admitted children, 7.5% were reported as receiving non-residential support at the time of admission to the shelter. Examples of non-residential support would include: community support worker, Big Brother/Big Sister, life skills counselling, youth worker, etc.

Question 10: Child abuse

Women may report more than one type of abuse of their children. During the intake procedure and of the women who responded on behalf of their children, 62.6% of admitted children were reported to be psychologically abused, 18.0% physically abused, 12.2% neglected and 4.4% sexually abused.

Question 11: Children's Referrals

Children may receive multiple referrals. Of the 6,426 dependent admitted children, 57.3% received no referrals while in shelter with their mothers. 11.4% of admitted children were referred to Child Welfare, 5.9% were referred to drug/alcohol, sexual abuse, psychological or psychiatric counselling, 6.1% were referred to community support programs, 2% to assessment programs and .7% to alternative residential care.

Note that referrals are impacted by the availability of community and professional supports available in any given area. Referrals may be made and recorded at any point during the family's stay at the shelter.

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Age of admitted woman.

Average: 31

Range: 11 to 86

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:.

Response	Number	% Admit
Age >= 65	30	0.6
Age 55 to 64	86	1.6
Age 40 to 54	816	15.0
Age 20 to 39	4099	75.4
Age 16 to 19	377	6.9
Age <= 15	24	0.4
No response	5	0.1

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Type of admission.

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Battered woman with children	2839	52.2
Battered woman without children	1412	26.0
Victim of sexual assault	26	0.5
Woman awaiting hospital admission or other specialized	49	0.9
Woman having problems with parents, family or spouse	477	8.8
Transient woman	196	3.6
Other woman needing accommodation away from home	405	7.4
Total	5404	

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Type of Admission

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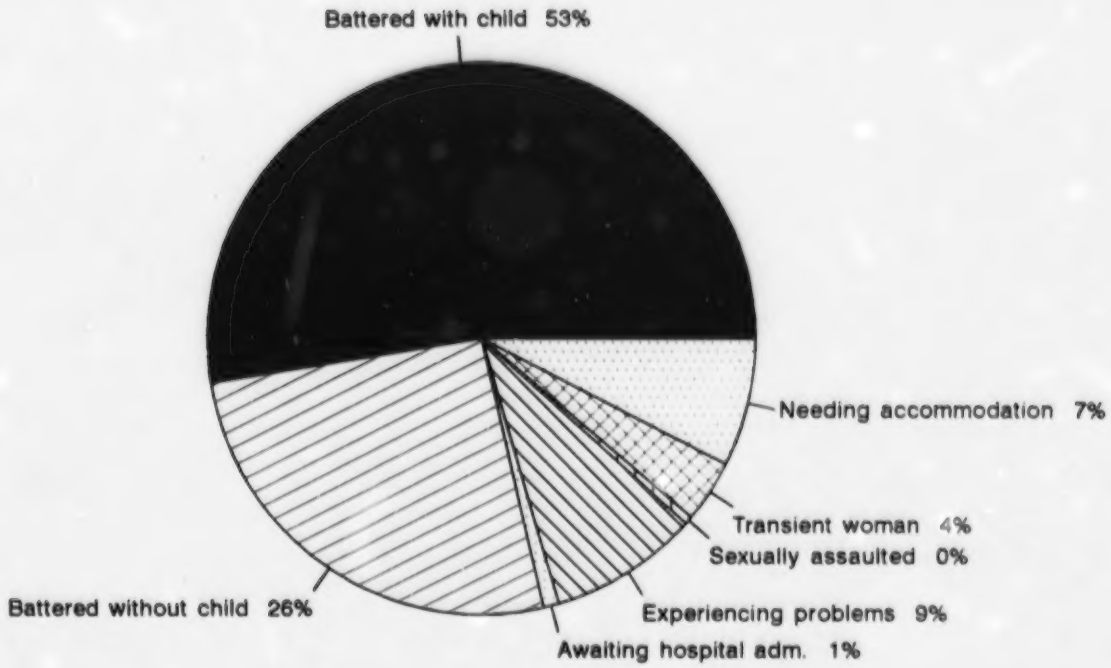

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Referral source.
Note: Client may select multiple sources.

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:

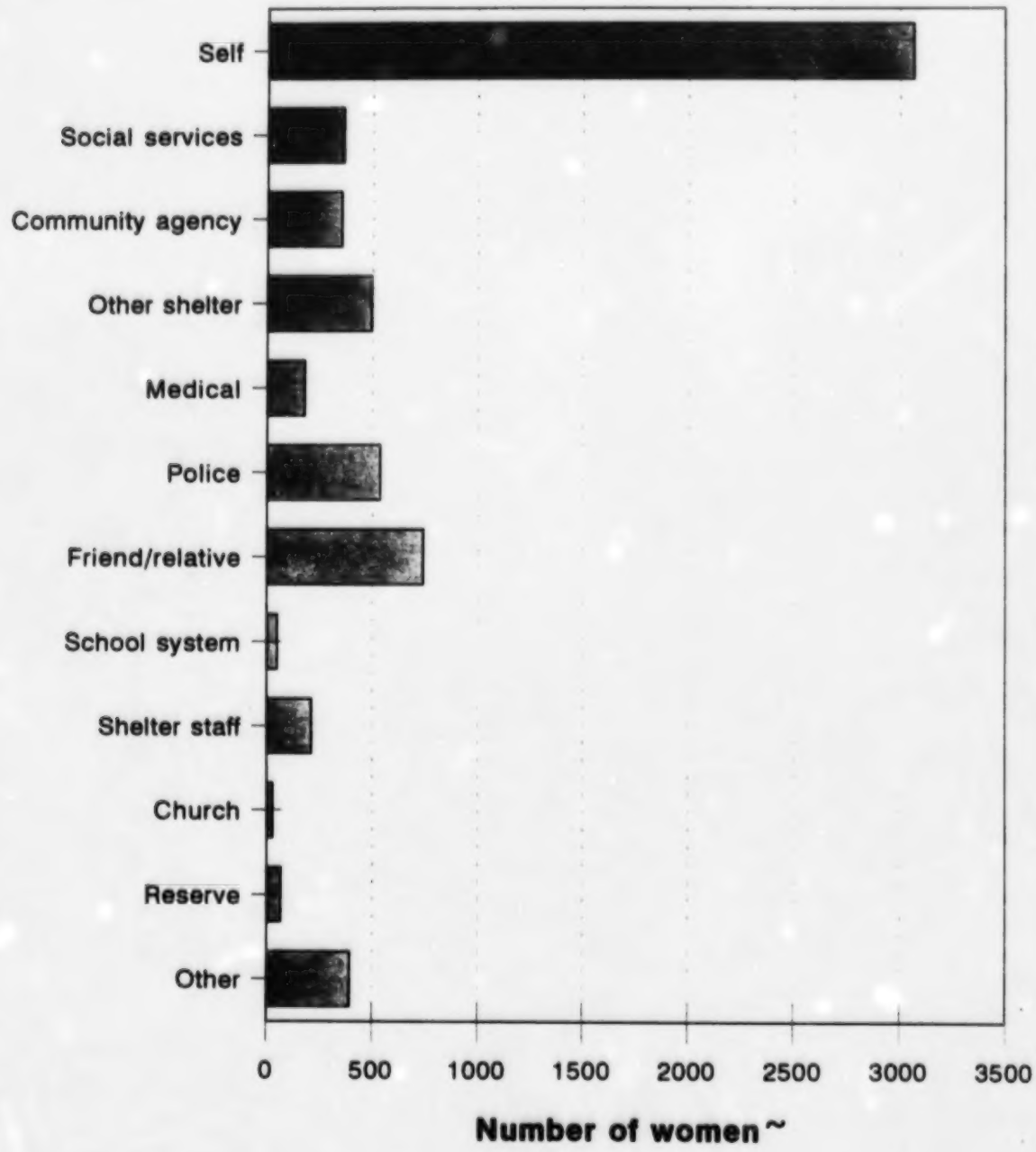
Response	Number
Self	3066
Social services	362
Community agency	354
Other shelter	495
Medical (doctor, hospital)	178
Police	537
Friend/relative	742
School system	51
Shelter staff	212
Church	28
Reserve	68
Other	394
Total	6487

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Referral Source

1 Jan 1995 to 31 Dec 1995

Referral Source*



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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Marital status

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Single	1118	20.6
Married	1393	25.6
Common-law/live-in	2126	39.1
Separated or living apart	484	8.9
Divorced	199	3.7
Widowed	39	0.7
Unknown	36	0.7
Total	5395	

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Where does woman live?

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
City	3203	58.9
Town	894	16.4
Village	141	2.6
Settlement	96	1.8
Reserve	802	14.8
Rural	207	3.8
Transient	52	1.0
Total	5395	

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Woman's home region.

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Northwest	944	17.4
Northeast	822	15.1
Edmonton	1031	19.0
Central	583	10.7
Calgary	975	17.9
South	483	8.9
Saskatchewan	183	3.4
British Columbia	140	2.6
Other	219	4.0
Total	5380	

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Type of abuse reported by woman.
Note: client may report multiple abuse types.

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Physical abuse	3702
Sexual abuse	1371
Psychological abuse	4729
Abuse or threats of abuse to children	1598
Destruction of property or pets	2184
Financial abuse	2763
Total	16347

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Abused by.
Note: client may identify multiple abusers.

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Husband	1449
Ex-husband	164
Son	62
Daughter	46
Other relative	323
Live-in partner/common-law	2024
Ex-live-in/common-law	533
Boyfriend	219
Ex-boyfriend	154
Mother	278
Father	262
In-law(s)	168
Other	459
Total	6141

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Abused By

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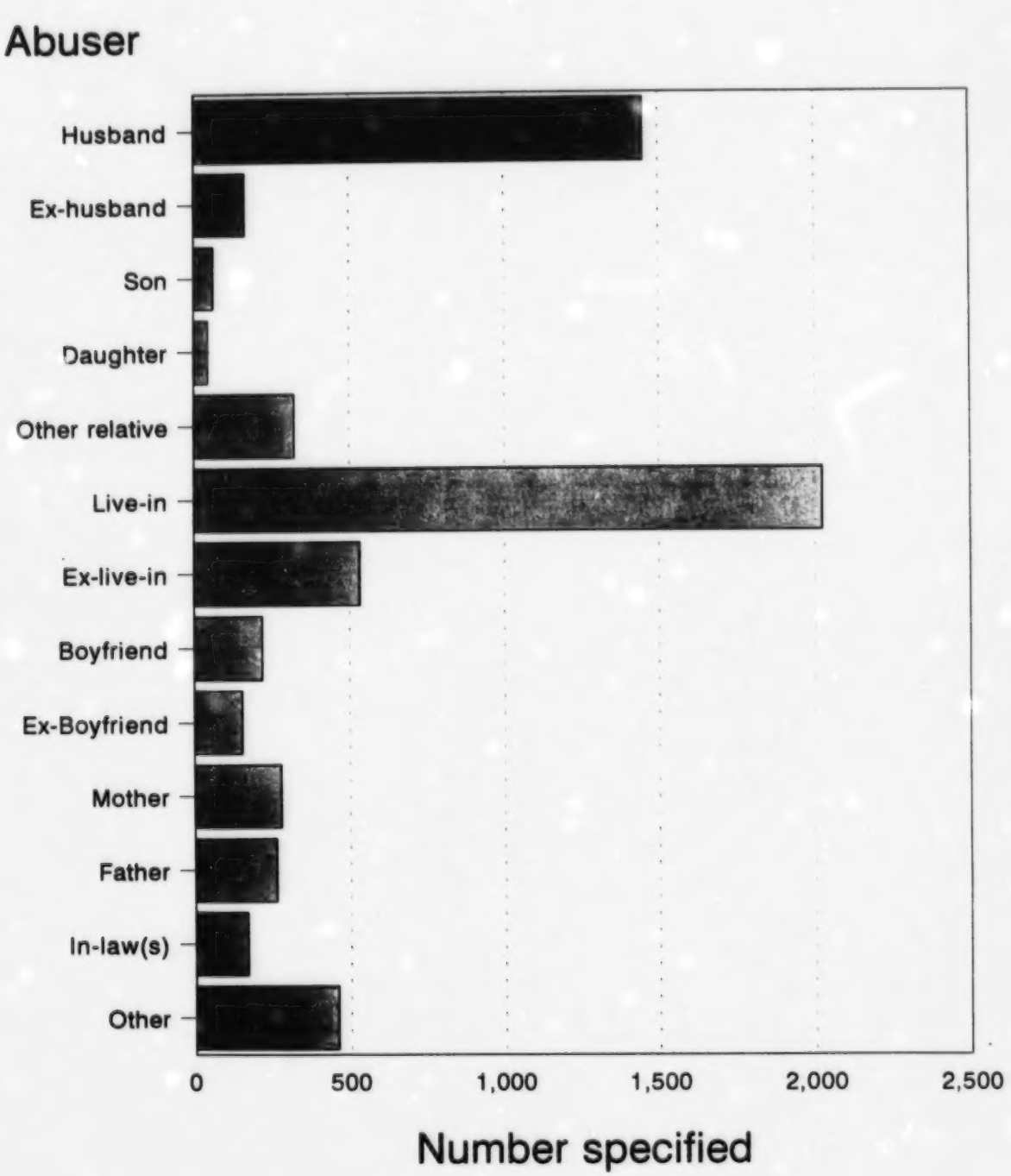

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Case of Abuse by Relationship of Abuser

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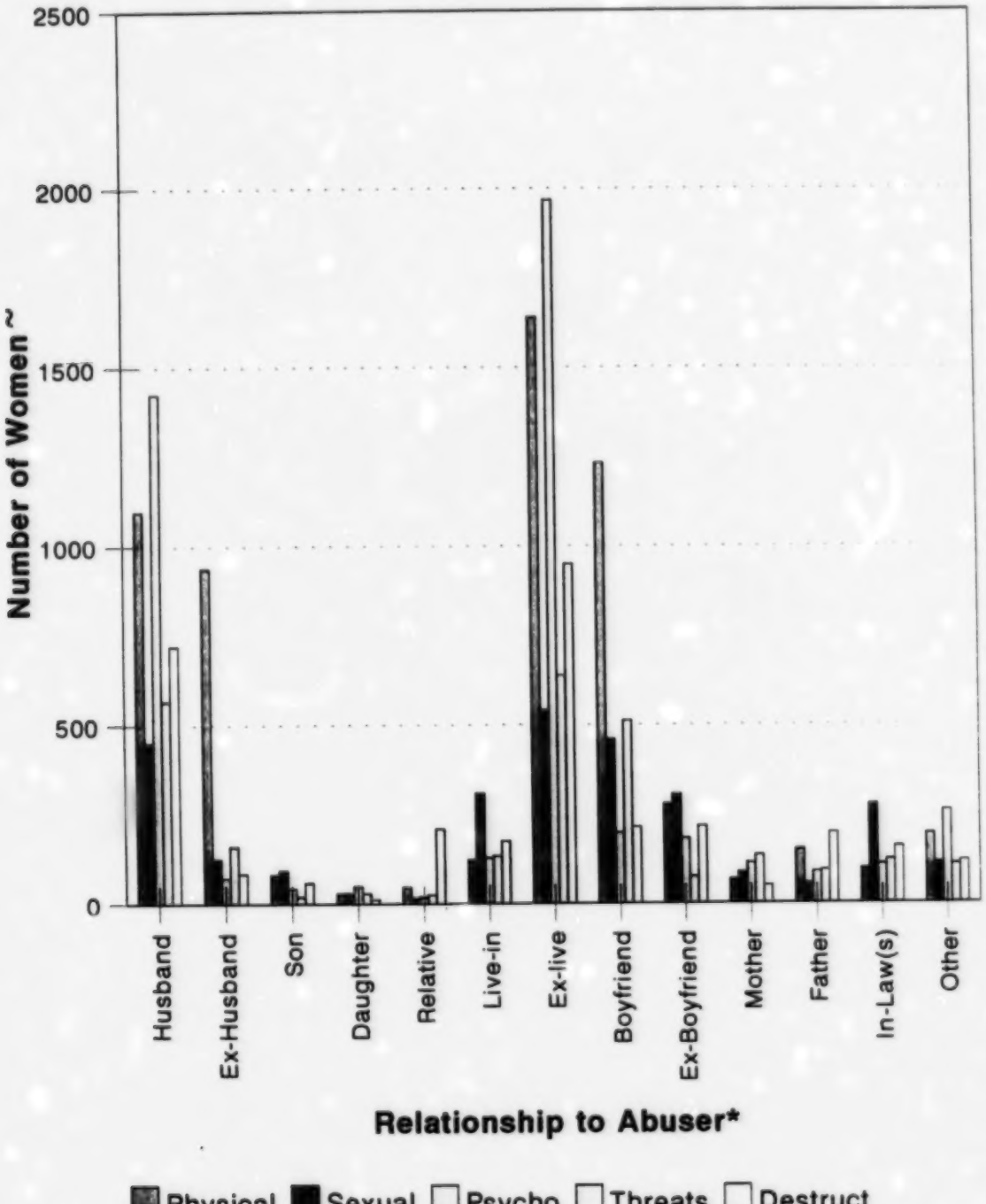

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Services provided to the woman (and children).
Note: multiple services may be provided to the client.

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:

Response	Number
VON/Other Nursing Service	1037
Information	5205
Emotional support/Crisis counselling	5112
Life Skills Training	428
Individual case advocacy	1591
Parenting/child management	1127
Women's group	2407
Children's group	805
Child care	1692
Transportation	2843
Interpreter	79
In-house teacher	406
Donations	4384
Other	220
Referral	7852
Child support services	0
Total	35188

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Services required but not available.
Note: multiple services may be required but not available.

Total admitted clients: 5437

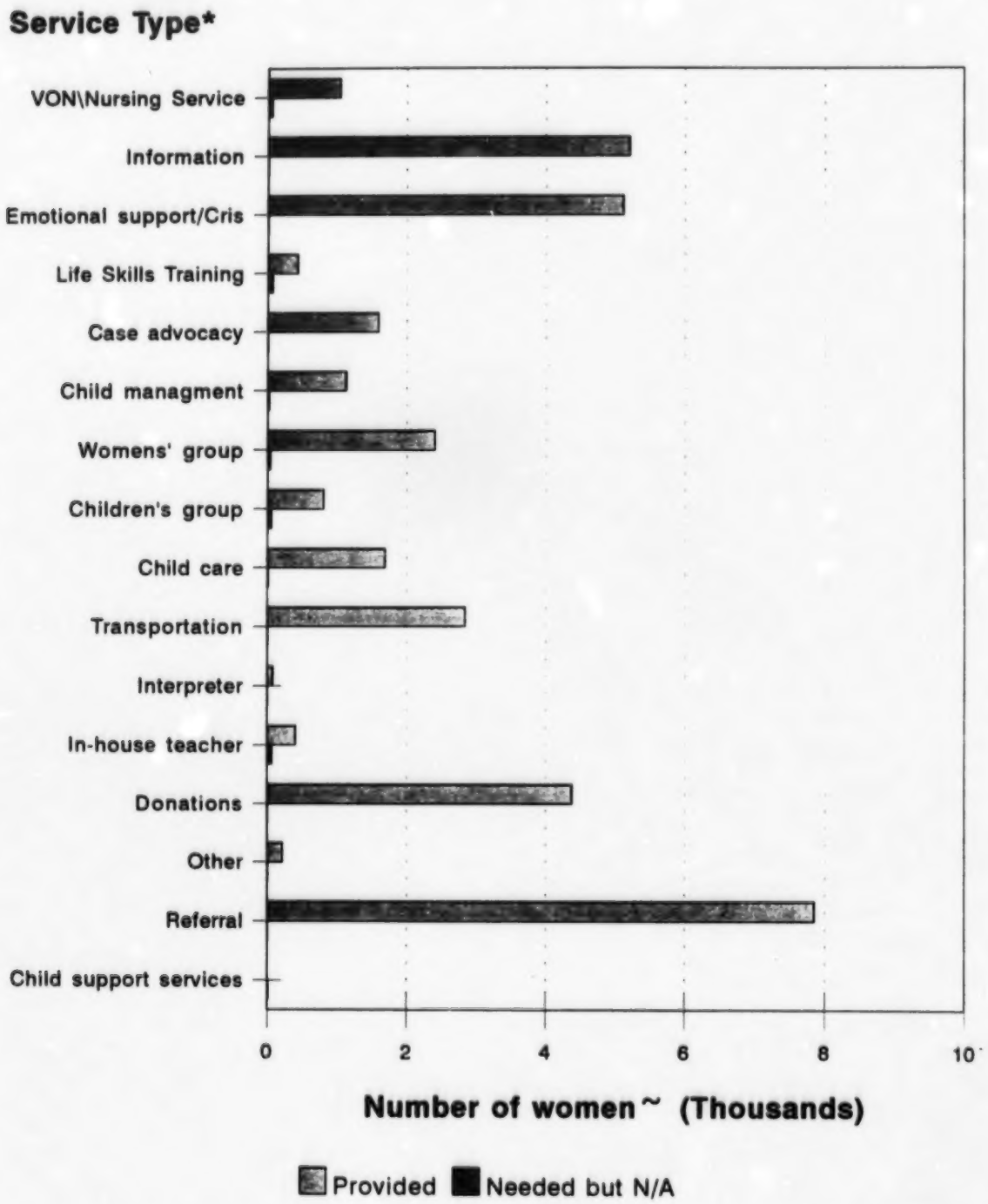
Frequencies:

Response	Number
VON/Other Nursing Service	51
Information	1
Emotional support/Crisis counselling	1
Life Skills Training	66
Individual case advocacy	2
Parenting/Child management	16
Women's group	41
Children's group	53
Child care	13
Transportation	1
Interpreter	3
In-house teacher	65
Donations	1
Other	4
Referral	2
Child support services	9
Total	329

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Services Provided

1 Jan 1995 to 31 Dec 1995



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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Type of police intervention requested within last 6 months.
Note: client may identify multiple intervention types.

Total admitted clients: 5437

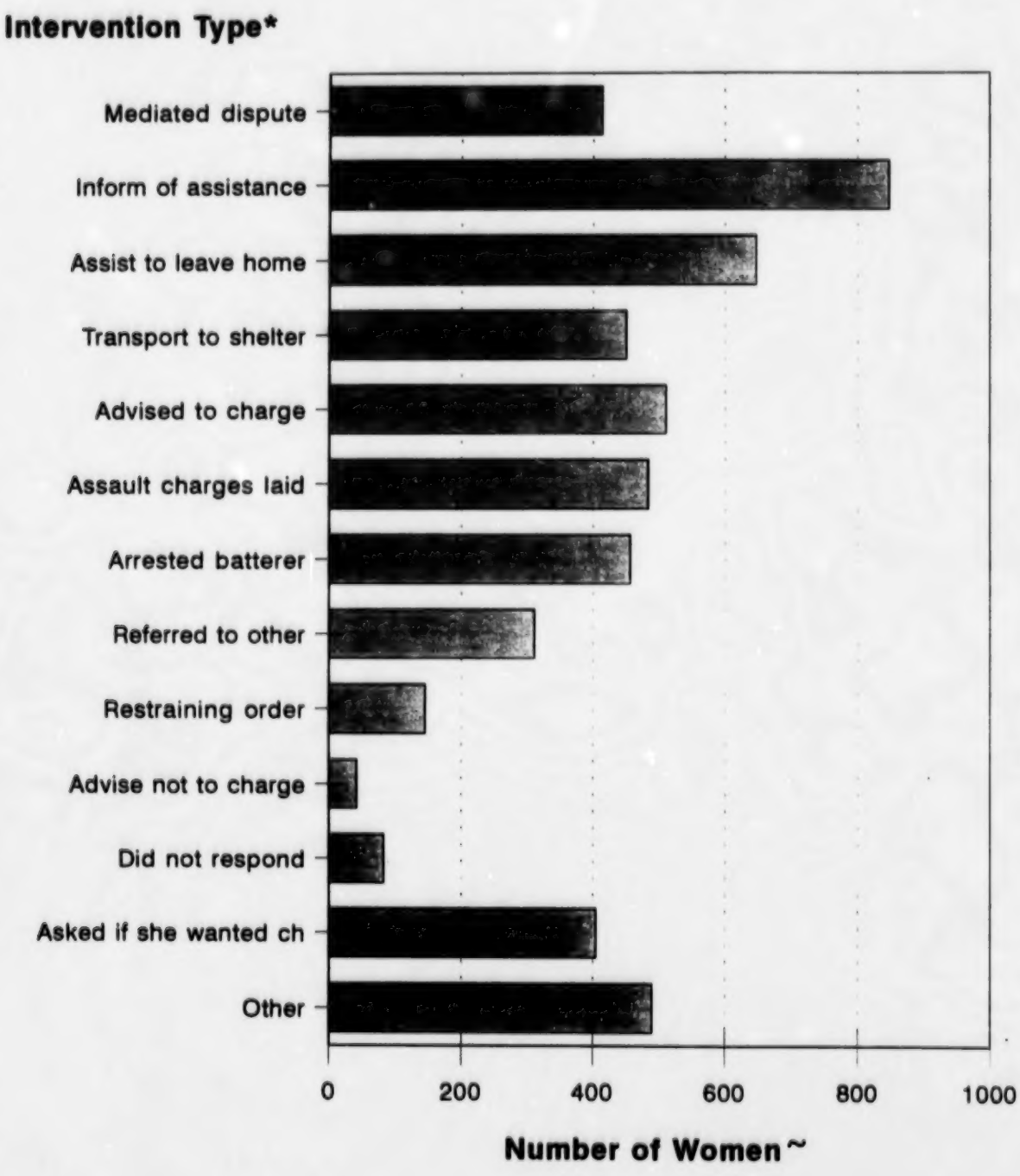
Frequencies:

Response	Number
Mediated dispute only	414
Informed woman of assistance	847
Assisted woman to leave home	647
Transported/arranged transportation to shelter	451
Advised woman to lay charges	511
Assault charges laid	484
Arrested batterer	457
Referred other services	312
Enforce restraining order/peace bond	146
Advised woman not to charge	42
Did not respond	83
Asked if she wanted charges laid	405
Other	490
Total	5289

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Types of Police Intervention

1 Jan 1995 to 31 Dec 1995



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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Transportation to shelter.

Total admitted clients: 5437

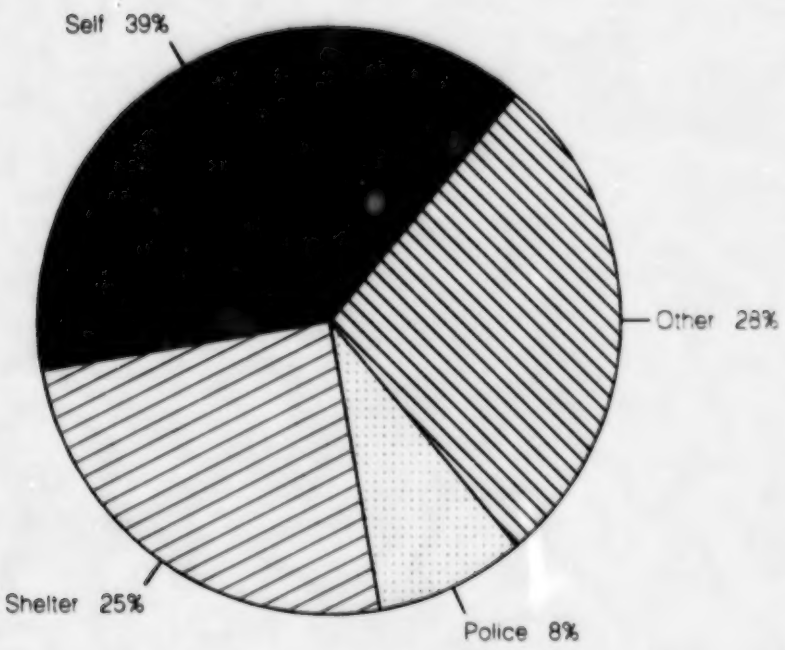
Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Self	2100	38.6
Shelter	1360	25.0
Police	451	8.3
Other	1510	27.8
Total	5421	

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Transportation to shelter

1 Jan 1995 to 31 Dec 1995



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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Woman referred to:
Note: client may be given multiple referrals.

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Police	931
Child Welfare	643
Social Allowance	1843
Legal services	1205
Medical services	1417
Other accommodation	945
Employment counselling	236
Education counselling	306
Mental health services	517
Drug/Alcohol counselling	548
Alberta Housing/low income housing	1185
Counselling groups for men	237
Counselling groups for women	1416
Individual counselling for men	233
Individual counselling for women	1500
Family counselling services	545
Indian Affairs	157
Native counselling	360
Sexual Assault Centre	153
Food Bank	255
Interpreter services	38
Clergy	99
Second stage housing	361
Other shelter	494
Other community agency	1127
Emergency Social Services	426
Total	17177

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Woman referred to (needed but not accessible)
Note: client may be given multiple referrals.

Total admitted clients: 5437

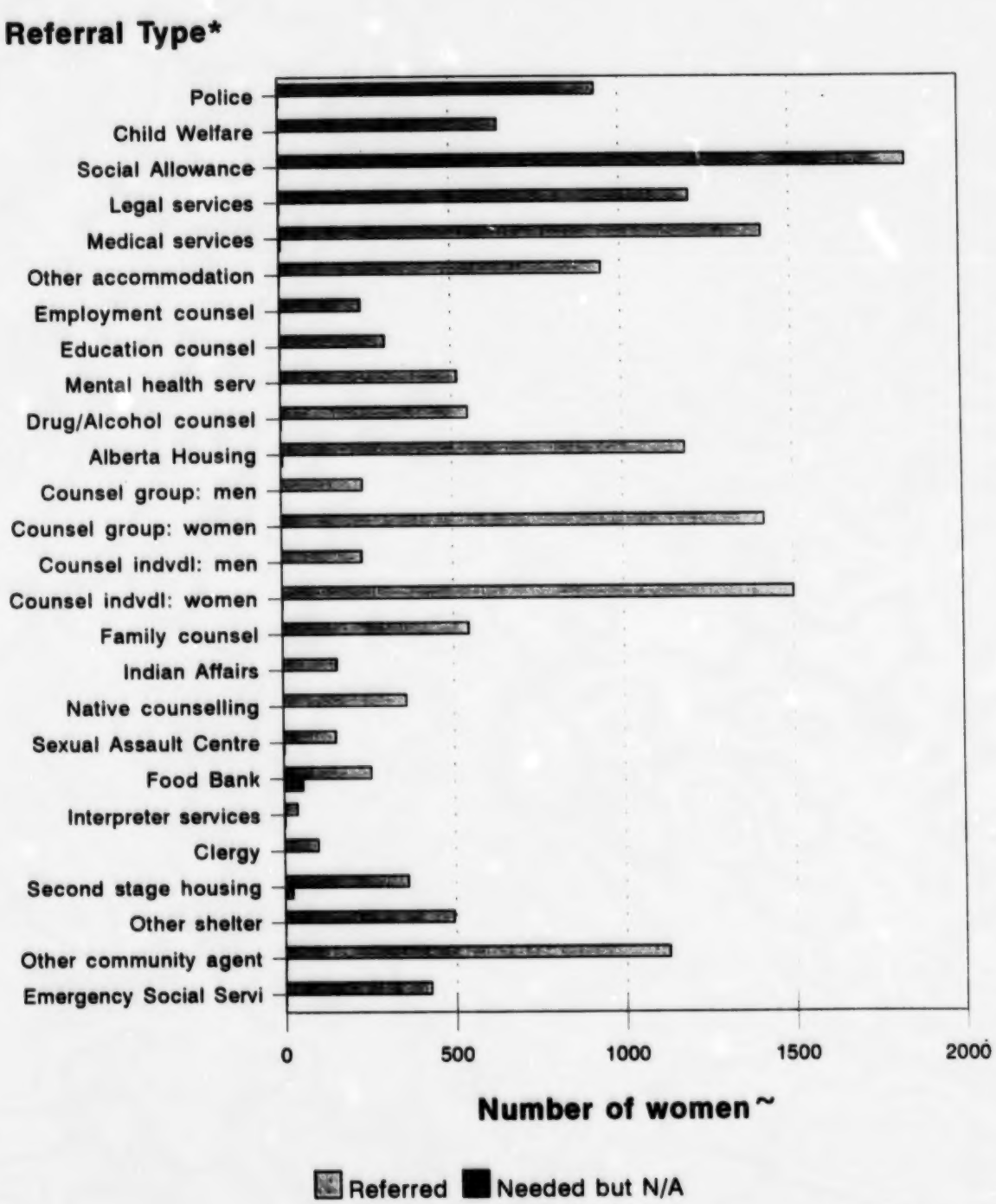
Frequencies:

Response	Number
Police	2
Child Welfare	1
Social Allowance	1
Legal services	2
Medical services	5
Other accommodation	1
Employment counselling	1
Education counselling	1
Mental health services	1
Drug/Alcohol counselling	3
Alberta Housing/low income housing	5
Counselling groups for men	0
Counselling groups for women	0
Individual counselling for men	0
Individual counselling for women	1
Family counselling services	0
Indian Affairs	0
Native counselling	0
Sexual Assault Centre	2
Food Bank	56
Interpreter services	2
Clergy	0
Second stage housing	23
Other shelter	1
Other community agency	1
Emergency Social Services	1
Total	110

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Woman Referred To

1 Jan 1995 to 31 Dec 1995



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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Number of bednights spent at shelter by client & dependent.

Average: 11

Range: 1 to 329

Total admitted clients: 5437

Frequencies:

Response	Number
1 to 3 Bednights	4074
4 to 7 Bednights	2508
8 to 14 Bednights	2101
15 to 21 Bednights	1918
22 and above	1262

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Departure status.

Total admitted clients: 5437

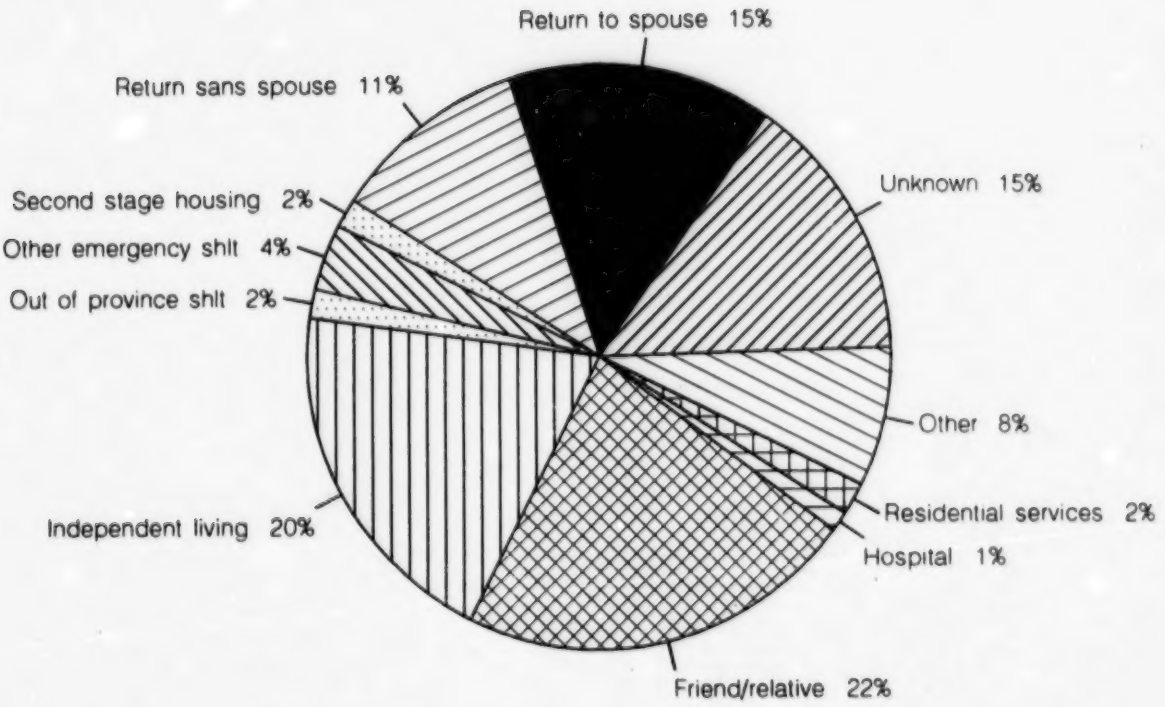
Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Return to spouse	794	14.6
Return home without spouse	590	10.9
Second stage housing	87	1.6
Another emergency shelter in Alberta	200	3.7
Out of province shelter	85	1.6
Independent living	1070	19.7
Living with friend/relatives	1197	22.0
Hospital	60	1.1
Residential services	98	1.8
Other	414	7.6
Unknown	800	14.7
Total	5395	

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Departure Status

1 Jan 1995 to 31 Dec 1995



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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Age of admitted children.

Average: 6

Range: 0 to 65

Total admitted dependents: 6426

Frequencies:

Response	Number
>= 18 years	24
15 to 17 years	238
13 to 14 years	302
10 to 12 years	741
5 to 9 years	1912
1 to 4 years	2491
1 to 11 months	718

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Dependent summary.

Total admitted dependents: 6426

Frequencies:

Response		Number
Dependents admitted with mom:	>= 18 years	24
	15 to 17 years	223
	13 to 14 years	293
	10 to 12 years	718
	5 to 9 years	1860
	1 to 4 years	2439
	1 to 11 months	695
Dependents admitted after mom:	>= 18 years	0
	15 to 17 years	15
	13 to 14 years	9
	10 to 12 years	23
	5 to 9 years	52
	1 to 4 years	52
	1 to 11 months	23
Dependents not admitted:	>= 18 years	67
	15 to 17 years	501
	13 to 14 years	353
	10 to 12 years	552
	5 to 9 years	1125
	1 to 4 years	887
	1 to 11 months	116
Total		10027

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Dependent's school status at time of admission.

Total admitted dependents: 6426

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Day care or not of school age	2967	46.2
Kindergarten	376	5.9
Regular school (public/separate)	2530	39.4
Special education (remedial, behavioral class)	70	1.1
Other (eg. private school)	39	0.6
Does not attend	425	6.6
Total	6407	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Primary child welfare status at time of admission.

Total admitted dependents: 6426

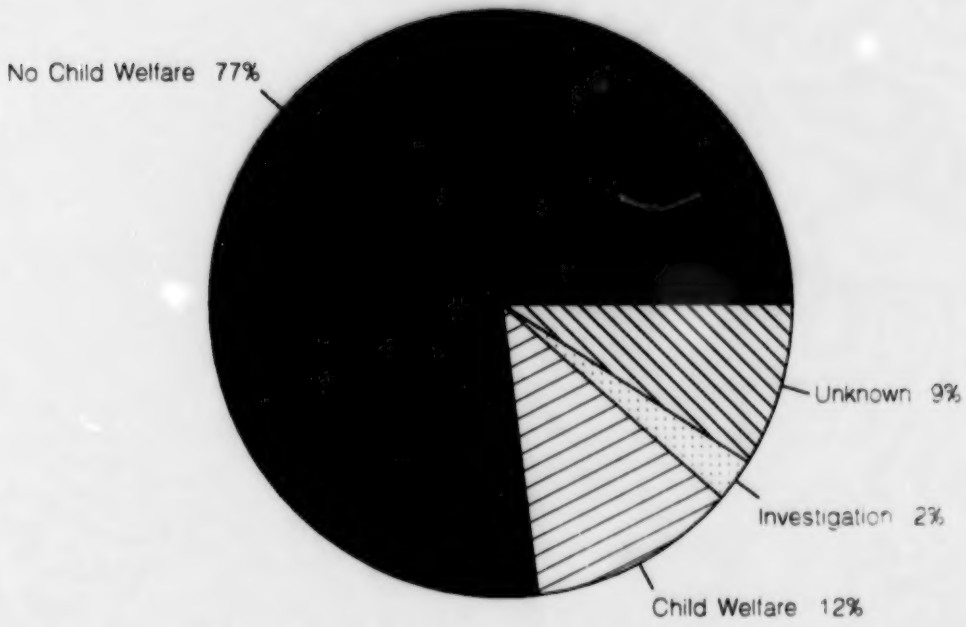
Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
No Child Welfare status	4923	76.6
Child Welfare status	748	11.6
Investigation in progress	155	2.4
Unknown	580	9.0
Total	6406	

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Primary Child Welfare Status

1 Jan 1995 to 31 Dec 1995



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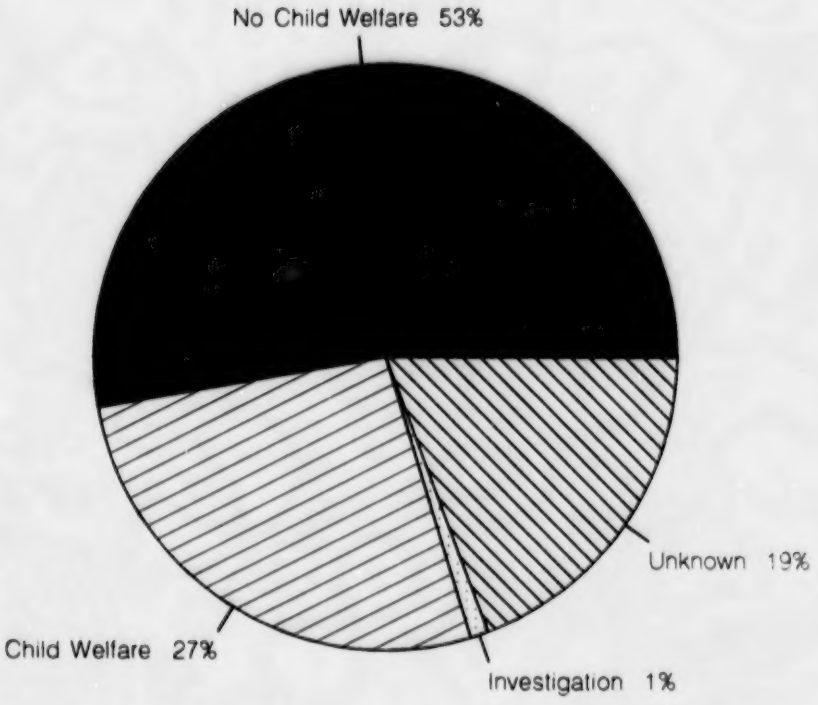
PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Primary Child Welfare Status

1 Jan 1995 to 31 Dec 1995



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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Child's current placement.

Total dependents: 10027

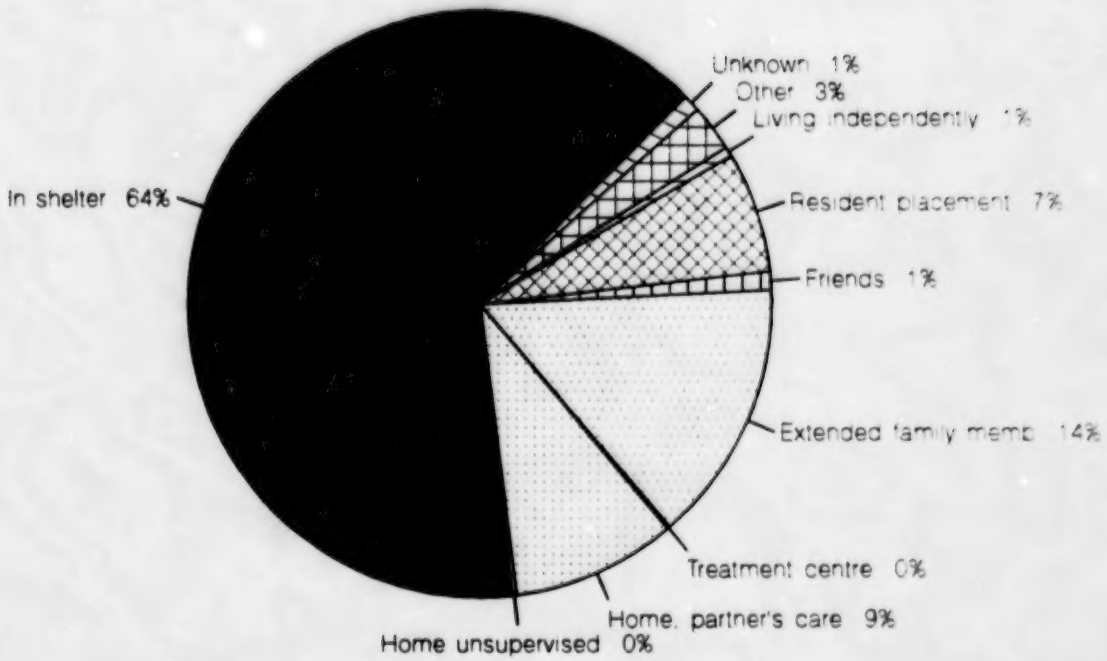
Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Resp
In Shelter	6426	64.1
At home unsupervised	24	0.2
At home, in partner's care	911	9.1
With extended family member	1452	14.5
With friends	104	1.0
Residential placement (eg. foster/receiving/group home)	667	6.7
Residential treatment centre	15	0.1
Living independently	56	0.6
Other	264	2.6
Unkncwn	95	0.9
Total	10027	

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Child's current placement

1 Jan 1995 to 31 Dec 1995



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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Is admitted child the woman's own by birth, by adoption, or by legal custody agreement?

Total admitted dependents: 6426

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Yes	6295	98.0
No	123	1.9
Total	6418	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Is child receiving non-residential support?

Total admitted dependents: 6426

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Yes	479	7.5
No	5207	81.0
Total	5686	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Child is referred by shelter to the following programs.
Note: dependent may be given multiple referrals.

Total admitted dependents: 6426

Frequencies:

Response	Number
No referral	3687
Child Welfare	735
Assessment Program	131
Community support programs	395
Alternative residential care	48
Drug/alcohol counselling	22
Sexual abuse counselling	82
Psychological/psychiatric counselling	276
Other	399
Total	5775

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Has child been abused?

Total admitted dependents: 6426

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Physically abused	1163
Sexually abused	286
Psychologically abused	4023
Neglected	786
Total	6258

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Method Of Contact:

Total non-residential contacts : 59912

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Telephone contact	40259
In-person contact	11674
Telephone follow-up by client	2614
Telephone follow-up by shelter	1490
In person follow-up by client	1090
In person follow-up by shelter	1707
No response	1078

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Sex of Individual:

Total non-residential contacts : 59912

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Male	4730
Female	55182

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Age of Individual:

Total non-residential contacts : 59912

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Child	1398
Teen	1245
Adult	55239
Elder	698
Unknown	1166
No response	166

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1995 to 31/12/1995

Question: Purpose of Contact:

Total non-residential contacts : 59912

Frequencies:

Response	Yes	No	No Resp
Emotional Support	41214	16548	2150
Referrals	31550	25907	2455
Information	47067	10778	2067
Crisis intervention	26940	29343	3629
Battered	31972	23996	3944
Third party inquiry	15950	40217	3745
Other	9578	46346	3988